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FOR GEN. TIGHE FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AMGT, PINR, MILI, EC
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ATTACHE AIRCRAFT

1. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AN ATTACHE AIRCRAFT FOR THE US MISSION HERE IN ECUADOR. NEXT TO BOLIVIA, ECUADOR HAS THE MOST UNDERDEVELOPED SYSTEM OF GROUND TRANSPORTATION ON THE SOUTH AMERICAN CONTINENT. FEW PAVED ROADS EXIST AND RUGGED MOUNTAIN TERRAIN, ALONG WITH THE EVER-PRESENT DANGER OF LANDSLIDES, MAKES SURFACE TRAVEL A HAZARDOUS PROPOSITION AT BEST. IN ADDITION, COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORTATION TO A NUMBER OF KEY AREAS IS INFREQUENT, UNPREDICTABLE AND DANGEROUS. THE RESULT IS THAT OUR ABILITY TO COLLECT INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY ON THE KEY SOUTHERN AND WESTERN BORDER AREAS, IS SEVERELY LIMITED. THIS FACT COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR ABILITY TO PREDICT AND REPORT ON THREATS TO THE PEACE IN THE VOLATILE ANDEAN SUBREGION.

2. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE SIMPLY NOT BEEN ABLE TO COORDINATE ADEQUATE SUPPORT FROM THE ATTACHE AIRCRAFT IN VENEZUELA. PROBLEMS OF CONFLICTING SCHEDULES, POOR WEATHER AND AIRCRAFT PROBLEMS HAVE COMBINED TO LIMIT THAT SUPPORT
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TO TWO FLIGHTS IN THE PAST TWO-AND-ONE-HALF YEARS. THAT LEVEL OF SUPPORT WILL NOT EVEN PERMIT US TO MEET OUR PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS, MUCH LESS OTHER URGENT NEEDS. I BELIEVE THE MISSIONS IN PERU AND COLOMBIA SUFFER SIMILAR PROBLEMS AND BELIEVE THAT AN ATTACHE AIRCRAFT BASED IN ECUADOR WOULD PERMIT BETTER SUPPORT OF THOSE MISSIONS THAN IS NOW PROVIDED.

3. THIS MISSION PRESENTLY HAS FOUR PILOTS ON FLYING STATUS ASSIGNED TO IT: THE AIR AND NAVAL ATTACHES AND THE CHIEF OF THE USMLO AND HIS SENIOR AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVE. THUS, THE ONLY CHANGE IN MANNING REQUIRED TO HANDLE THE AIRCRAFT WOULD BE ONE ENLISTED CREWMEMBER. THE DAO PILOTS WOULD HANDLE PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE INVOLVEMENT OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE OFFICERS IN INTELLIGENCE GATHERING DUTIES.

4. I REALIZE THAT YOUR BUDGET MAY NOT INCLUDE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW AIRCRAFT. UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, I REQUEST THAT ECUADOR BE CONSIDERED FOR TRANSFER OF AN AIRCRAFT FROM A DIPLOMATIC POST OR MILITARY BASE WHERE THERE IS A DRAWDOWN IN ACTIVITIES. ALTERNATIVELY, PERHAPS YOU COULD INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF ASSIGNING A U-21 FROM SOUTHCOM, SHOULD THERE BE A CHANGE IN AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO THAT COMMAND, OR THE C-12 PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO USMILGP BOLIVIA, SHOULD IT BE AVAILABLE FOR REASSIGNMENT.
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